

April 22, 2021  
Maine Milk Commission Meeting Minutes  
Held Remotely via Teams  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Notices for the April 22, 2021 meeting were distributed to Commission members, intervenors and other interested parties on March 18, 2021 and sent to the Secretary of State's Office for posting on March 18, 2020.

**Commission Present:** Mike Wiers, Stanley Millay, Colon Durrell, Richard Cook and Matt Randall.

**Commission Absent:** None

**Department Officials:** None

**Staff Present:** Tim Drake, Executive Director, Carol Gauthier, Office Associate, and Betty Rancourt

**Legal Counsel:** Caleb Elwell

**Others Present:** Julie-Marie Bickford, MDIA, Gary Anderson, member of the public/contractor, John Blake, H.P. Hood, Council, Christine Cummings, Maine Grocers and Food Producers, Meredith Fahey, Maine Dairy Promotion and Nutrition Council and Mike Benar of Oakhurst.

Chairman Wiers called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**Agenda Item 1: Minutes:** Colon Durrell made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 18, 2021 meeting. Stan Millay seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 by roll call vote.

**Agenda Item 2: Laura Jensen, Assistant Attorney General:** No report.

**Agenda Item 3: Minimum Prices:**

Tim Drake reported a prevailing premium of \$1.04/cwt. on Class I for May 2021, Agri-Mark reported no changes for April 2021 as did DFA for May. Federal Order One Class I price for May 2021 is \$20.35, an increase of \$1.59/cwt. He explained that a schedule was prepared using this information plus a producer cost of production adjustment (COPA) of \$1.63/cwt. He stated that this price schedule was for informational purposes and that the Commission was not bound to it, and they should make their pricing determination after hearing testimony.

Chairman Wiers asked for testimony.

Julie-Marie Bickford stated that April and May are expensive months for Maine's dairy farms and urged the Commission to stay the course to keep the COPA at \$1.63/cwt..

No other testimony was offered.

Chairman Wiers asked for a motion.

Colon Durrell made the motion to accept order #05-21 with a Commission premium of \$1.04/cwt. and a COPA of \$1.63/cwt.

Richard Cook seconded the motion.

The motion passed 4-0 by roll call vote.

**Agenda Item 4: Maine Monthly Price Survey:** Tim Drake stated that he had performed a price survey in all areas of the state as normal. The IAMCA price survey was not available.

**Agenda Item 5: Next Scheduled Meetings:**

- May 20, 2021, 10:30A.M., Room 101, Deering Building, Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, Augusta, ME
- June 24, 2021, 10:30 A.M., Room 101, Deering Building, Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, Augusta, ME
- July 22, 2021, 10:30 A.M., Room 101, Deering Building, Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, Augusta, ME
- August19, 2021, 10:30 A.M., Room 101, Deering Building, Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, Augusta, ME

**Agenda Item 6: Other**

A. **FY 2021 Financial Report**, No discussion.

B.

**Agenda Item 7: Executive Session:** None

**Adjourned:** Adjourned; 10:37 a.m. April 22, 2021.  
Tim Drake, Maine Milk Commission